

# Lichfield Diocese Prayer Diary: Issue 287

We pray for the implementation of our diocesan strategy 'Seeking the Kingdom', within the context of the varied roles and ministries across the Diocese. As 'People of Hope,' we remember those impacted by natural disasters; those in Ukraine suffering grievously and we pray for the people & leaders of Russia; and for a lasting peace for the people of Palestine, Israel and the wider Middle East.

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**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> October:** *(Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812)*

Lord, we commence a series of prayers for Walsall deanery by lifting before you all of our Church Schools there, for All Saints National Academy in Bloxwich and for Cooper and Jordan in Aldridge; for the three Blue Coat schools in the town centre - Infant, Junior, and Academy; for Birchills Community Academy, Leamore Christ Church Primary, and for Little Bloxwich Primary; and for those primary schools that share their name with their nearest church - St John's Walsall Wood, St Margaret's Great Barr, and for St Michael's Pelsall. Please may your hand rest upon the staff and volunteers who work in any of these schools in whatever role; and for all the children and their families who are part of them.

**Monday 20<sup>th</sup>:**

We pray for the Bishop's Staff Residential as it starts today and continues throughout the week. Please bless our leaders as they gather and guide and inspire them as they look to the future.

We also pray for our Education Team's training day at Telford Minster geared around '[Essential Knowledge for Working in a Church School](#)'. Lord, may all those that come receive exactly that and more to strengthen their understanding of the opportunities inherent in the relationship between a Church School and its local church, and how they may work together to benefit their local community.

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup>:**

Lord, we bring before you this morning's webinar on [Building Community Partnerships Through Places of Welcome](#). Please bless and guide Carrie Blount and Lesley Bovington as they lead the session, and inspire us all on ways we can do more to foster more positive community partnerships with our neighbours, and how we may offer genuine welcome to those around us who may most benefit from it.

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>:**

Today we specifically pray for Walsall deanery's Lay Chapter, for its leader Anita Edwards, the deanery's new licensed Reader Steve Wallace, and all of our lay leaders in Walsall and beyond. We thank you for their faithful ministry and pray you may hold them close to your heart that they may know your presence in their daily lives as they serve our churches and communities.

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup>:**

Lord, we lift before you this evening the Inaugural Robert Beckford Lecture at the Queens Foundation as part of Black History Month. As he reflects on '[Where do we go from here?](#)' (subtitled 'A 'Fass' Christianity for a time of 'Ginnal'.), may you please help each one of us to reflect on our own journeys, and continue to guide us where they may lead in the future.

**Friday 24<sup>th</sup>:**

As we continue to pray for Walsall deanery, we pray for those churches currently without a vicar; for St Andrew's Birchills, St Margaret's Great Barr, St Mark's Shelfield, and for St Mary's Tynings Lane. Lord, we thank you for those folk continuing to faithfully serve these churches at this time, may you bless them with renewed vigour. We pray that each of them may soon have new leaders to guide them forward.

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup>:** *(Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287)*

After praying for Walsall's churches in Vacancy yesterday, today we thank you for where new vicars have been recently appointed, for Holy Ascension Lower Farm and for St Thomas' Mossley, and for St Peter's Stafford Street; thank you for Amanda Mallen and Gareth Manser respectively, may you inspire and guide them in their new roles as they serve their local communities.